



Upper Hutt College Newsletter

TERM 1 2019

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

Term 1 has been a busy and eventful term, and we welcomed our largest intake of Year 9 students for a number of years. These students have found their feet and involved themselves in a range of school activities and it's great to see the progress they are making in and out of the classroom.

We welcomed a number of new staff to the college:

Chitose Izuno	HOD Languages
Julian Emmanuel	Maths
Belinda Brown	Maths (since left)
Joel Stewart	PE, Maths, Foods
Sophie Molloy	Social Sciences, Pathways

With the departure of several Maths teachers at the end of last year, recruitment to fill these positions has been hit by the current teacher shortage. However, we have recruited two teachers from South Africa and look forward to them joining our staff early in Term 2.

Like the rest of the country, we were shocked by the events in Christchurch in March. Our students though, responded from the heart, organising a Wall of Remembrance in the Library, the Memorial Ceremony and giving generously for the mufti day. Their thoughts and support through the week, their voices and solemn presence at the student-organised and led Ceremony brought tears to many eyes, and showed yet again what an amazing group of students we have.

This will be the last newsletter in this format, as we look to present our school news and activities in a way that is modern, easily accessible on a variety of platforms, is easier to put together and gets to you more regularly during the year.

Judith Taylor
Principal

Upcoming Events

APRIL

29 Start of Term 2

MAY

- 10 Market Day
- 20 Library Book Week
- 22 GEO301 Field Trip
- 23-24 Dance301 Repertoire
- 23-24 UHCC Girls Workshop (Year 10)
- 24 Tough Gals & Guys
- 31 **Teacher Only Day**

JUNE

- 3 Queens Birthday
- 4 Careers Week
- 5 Year 8 Open Day
- 5-6 ADV201 Tramp (and 12-13, 18-19)
- 7 Board of Trustees elections
- 13 Cultural Assembly
- 14 GEO201 Fieldtrip
- 17 Show Quest
- 19 Year 8 Open Day
- 21 TOU301 Fieldtrip
- 24-25 ADV301 Tramp (and 27-28)
- 26 Heretaunga Exchange
- 27 Parent-Teacher Interviews (Juniors)

JULY

- 1-5 Year 13 Production
- 4 Polyfest Dress Rehearsal
- 12 End of Term 2

Memorial to Christchurch Victims

Friday 22nd March saw students and staff at Upper Hutt College gathered together to remember those whose lives were taken in the Christchurch Mosque attacks a week earlier.

Student leaders of UHC worked together to create a plan and to put the plan into action. We used this event as a platform to share loving thoughts to those families in Christchurch, students and staff here at UHC and to those across Aotearoa. We gathered together in the heart of the school near the flagpole. The flag was at half mast in honour of the fallen victims of Christchurch.



We started off the ceremony with Matua Jackie Awa giving us a karakia and singing a waiata. Following that we had Ryan Hooper-Smith give a beautifully written speech of support to those here in our school community. We then joined the rest of the nation in a two minute silence - UHC, a school which is usually quite rowdy at lunchtime came to a halt and was completely silent - it was truly moving. After that we had Emoni Falepapalangi (Student Rep. on The Board) and Israel Sua-Taulelei (Head Boy) address us. Then, led by Dakota Scot (Head Girl), we walked as a school to the Islamic Centre in Merton Street and laid a bouquet of flowers as a sign of

respect and support to those of the Muslim faith in our community.

Upper Hutt College is a school that embraces people's differences and is a place where students can be who they are and not feel the need to be ashamed. We support each other when the going gets tough and we empathise with those



we know who need a hand or just someone to talk to. We continue to send our love to the victims, families and people all over Aotearoa who were affected by this tragedy.

Arohanui Whanau

Emoni Fifita-Falepapalangi
Student Rep on the Board of Trustees

NOTE: The students held a mufti day to raise funds for the victims and families affected by the Mosque attacks and raised over \$1500. The money will be donated to the Victim Support Official Page on Givealittle.

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Download the Upper Hutt College App – from the Google Play Store or Apple App Store.

Communications

Please let us know if you have changed your email address or any other aspect of your contact details. As a lot of information is now emailed home, we want to ensure you receive it. Please contact the office – 04 527 8749 or email office@upperhutt.school.nz to help us update our records.

Upper Hutt College App

The Upper Hutt College App is a great tool we use to give quick and up-to-date notifications about activities at school. It allows parents/caregivers to notify absences and has a link to the Kamar portal. You can also sign up for alerts for as many sports groups and school events as needed, and then you'll receive sports notifications, cancellation notices and reminders of events at school. Download it for free at your Apple iTunes store or Google Apps store or click [here](#) for quick access

Parent Portal

Parents and Caregivers are able to access the 'KAMAR portal' to give you information on your child. This includes daily notices, school calendar, achievement information to date, and live attendance. You will have a parent/caregiver password separate from your child. For further information, please contact the school office.

NCEA Results - 2018

The NCEA results for 2018 continued the overall pattern of improvement that has been evident for the last few years. 76% of students in Year 11 gained NCEA Level 1, 89% gained Literacy and 88% gained Numeracy. In Year 12, 83% of students gained NCEA Level 2 which was well up on the 2017 result of 78%. In Year 13, 61% of students gained NCEA Level 3. We were very pleased with the numbers of students who gained Excellence and Merit Endorsements in NCEA Level 1, 2 or 3. The following students achieved NCEA with an endorsement.

Year 11

Excellence

Samantha Barrett, Nathan Bennett, Nathan Blackadder, Emma Davidson, Alice Harrison, Alex Hewitt, Katie Hoffman, Beth Hurren, Isaiah Mansell, Lyriq Oliver-Teepa, Danica Patterson, Nethmi Peiris, Annelise Pereira, Emily Quilty, Emma Ravens, Elaina Richardson, Riya Singh, Dawid Warenczuk, Jemma Wong.

Merit

Ashley Bircher, Flynn Braun, Dhikshika Chand, Casey Cooper, Flynn Cosslett, Mia Davies, Ashlee Devaroe, Nicholas Estreich, Emoni Falepapalangi, Keenan Gale, Jessica-Rose Garner, Seth Garrison, Marcus Garven, James Goldsworthy, Kiera Harrison, Hannah Hendry, Kylie Holland, Hollie Hunter, Alison Johnson, Philip Kananghinis, Breighanna Lamberg, Beryl Liu, Jamie Lockwood, Makenzie Loveridge, Caleb McClure, Benjamin McEvoy, Abbigail McLennan, Ziane Mollentze, Shawnie Morris, Anaiah Newman, Macy Phillips, Sommer Reedy, Adam Roddick, Hayley Sinclair, Thippaphone Sivorarath, Alyssa Strachan, Kaitlyn Tapuai, Paige Tonkin, Rico Tuhua, Jaime Watson.

Year 12

Excellence

Alexis Burns, Kieran Edwards, Tiana Fisk, Jacoba Gurney, Olivia Healey, Daniel Rickerby, Trinita Sampurno, Aimee Strawbridge, Israel Sua-Taulelei, Hannah Tollison, Steven Tran, Sophie Walker, Emmanuel Wong, Ryan Hooper-Smith (achieved in 2017).

Merit

Ruby Bartlett, Mheiajn Brooks, Maxin Cabug, Nikita Canning, Emily Carr, Victoria Edwards, Holly Everson, Isabella Fink, Samantha Galyer, Hannah Gratkowski, Sophie Holden, Mya Johnstone, Benjamin Lamb, Wano Lapiuk, Aria Leader-Fiamatai, Alexander Maitland, Riomh Marsh, Kishan Modi, Georgina Morgan, Amanda Nato, Brooke O'Styke, Annabel-Rae Parkinson-Williams, Raman Raman, Grace Richards, Dakota Scott, Daline Taing, Caleb Twist, Zoe Ward.

Year 13

Excellence

Ryan Cox, Anthony Delaney, Ryan Goldsworthy, Reuben Johnson, Caleb Madgwick, Pravin Modotholi, Piper Morrison, Thomas Rowley, Ryan Thomson, Devin Tonkin, Phoebe Turner, Alan Wheatley.

Merit

Regan Braun, Jennifer Cooley, Hayley Cooper, Riley Dick, Nicholas Elzenaar, Katilena Giles, Christie Grocott, Jenna Hadley, Shannyn Harris, Kelly Hoong, Philip Joplin, Maddisen Manu, Hannah Morgan, Ameesha Patel, Amy Reynecke, Cassidy Venter, Ella Wagstaff, Laura Wills.

Special congratulations to Emmanuel Wong (Year 12) who gained a Scholarship in Music. The full-school Academic Assembly was held to acknowledge and congratulate these students.



Student Leaders 2019

Our student leaders for 2019 are:



Dakota Scott
Head Girl



Israel Sua-Taulelei
Head Boy



Emoni Fifita-Falepapalangi
Student Rep on BOT

Launching Leaders Conference

On Monday the 18th of March, a group of Year 13 student leaders were selected to attend the Launching Leaders Conference held at Scots College in Wellington. We had three keynote speakers, Nikki Kaye, Jo Healey, and Billy Graham, all of whom provided insight into their leadership roles and how we could apply their life experiences into our school community and also to our own life.

All three gave excellent speeches, however, after talking with the students who attended, we all came to the conclusion that the best part of the day was during the Reflection Period. There was a section within the programme where we got to interact with student leaders from Colleges based around New Zealand. One group of students came from Hastings. Everyone shared their unique perspectives on leadership, and what it means to them. This created a starting point where we learnt how we could incorporate these ideas into our schools, and into our own lives. This was a fantastic experience, and one which we all thoroughly enjoyed.



Restoration of Te Manawa Carvings



Over the last couple of years, work has been made on the restoration of the carvings from Parirau, with much assistance from whanau, staff and students. When that work had been completed, the carvings were moved at the end of 2018, from the old MRC where they had been stored, to the wharenuī of Te Manawa. In February, the scaffolding went up around the front of Te Manawa, and over the following weekends, a wonderful team of volunteers worked hard to install the carvings on to the outside of Te Manawa. The project is now complete and we start to look at the refurbishing of the inside of Te Manawa, where we are looking to install a kitchen and wharekai, as well as decorate the wharenuī. We thank all the volunteers – students past and present, staff and their whanau, friends of the school for all of their time and dedication to bringing the carvings to Te Manawa, and giving life to something so important in the heart of our school.

SOK Visit to Upper Hutt College

Save our Kids is a charity in Japan that was set up after the devastating Fukushima earthquake in 2011. The charity funds trips to New Zealand every year for students who have been negatively affected by this disaster. The trip is designed to get the Japanese students thinking about how other countries recover from natural disasters and how they have moved forward as a community.

We were delighted to host the group of 6 special young people and give them a taste of Upper Hutt, Wellington and kiwi culture. The trip included visits to parliament, Wellington City Council and the Japanese embassy in Wellington. The students also got to go to Mt Bruce in the Wairarapa, buy souvenirs at the paua shell factory, and most importantly, the students got to enjoy a feed of fish and chips with tomato sauce and cold L&P at Henley Lake in Masterton. What an experience!



Athlete Development Programme

This term the College has introduced a new initiative called the Athlete Development Programme. This is an opportunity to support and develop our student athletes who are achieving highly within their chosen sport (rugby, football, netball, basketball). The programme is 26 weeks in duration and is a mixture of group fitness training sessions, sports specific training and educational workshops. The emphasis is on creating well-rounded young people and the students are responsible for maintaining certain academic and attendance standards. Mr Twomey and Mr Campbell manage the programme and we are fortunate to have a high calibre of coaches involved;

- Rugby - Paul Fincham
- Netball - Joy Bates
- Basketball - Kenny McFadden
- Football - Pedro Garcias



This is a unique and exciting new initiative which we are hoping will have a positive effect on school culture, success and above all assist in the development of well-rounded student athletes.

Sam Twomey (Sports Coordinator) & Chris Campbell (Sports Activator)

Student Activities

9ADV Beach Day

Students from the Year 9 Adventure class had the opportunity to put their water safety knowledge into action at Day's Bay. As the March weather was changeable at best, we crossed our fingers for a warm sunny day, and after only one postponement were given just that. Students spent the morning creating instructional videos on how to rescue someone from the water using a throw bag, and in the afternoon were able to have a go at both paddle boarding and sea kayaking. An enjoyable day out was had by all.



Senior Outdoor Education / Adventure

Year 12 Adventure Camps in Otaki had students camping, rafting and completing high ropes courses.



The two Year 13 Outdoor Education/Adventure classes recently took part in Survival Camps. The classes camped at Waiohine Gorge, and demonstrated survival skills including sleeping under tarpaulin, fire lighting, snare making and river crossing.



Tongariro National Park trip - Year 12 Geography



The annual Year 12 Geo trip took place in March, with students spending 3 nights at Tongariro National Park. Students carried out field work in the pouring rain around Mt Ngauruhoe, visited the Chateau and went up to the ski fields (sans snow unfortunately, but we were able to appreciate the landscape). A highlight of the trip was completing the Tongariro Crossing. No trip would be complete without the annual photo at the giant gumboot at Taihape!



2019 Board of Trustees Elections

In May nominations will be called to become members of our Board of Trustees. Key dates are as follows

By Friday 10 May	Nomination forms will be posted to all persons on the school's caregiver roll
Friday 24 May	NOMINATIONS CLOSE – 24 th May at noon. An election will then be held if the number of nominations exceed vacancies. For our school, the number of vacancies is 5
Wednesday 29th May	Voting papers will be sent by post to all on the school caregiver roll.
Friday 7th June	Voting closes at 12 noon
Thursday 13th June	Votes are counted, and our school advised of the results
Friday 14th June	New Board takes office

We look forward to all our parents/ caregivers being involved in the process.

If you would like further information on being a member of the Upper Hutt College Board of Trustees, please contact the Board Secretary, Karen Huaki-Feaver at the college, 04 527 8749.